GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF EDIBLE OIL
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gap between the demand and supply of edible oil in the country during 2000 and in the current year was estimated;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the edible oil was imported to meet the demand during the above period, separately; and

(d) if so, the total quantity of edible oil imported through public sector during 2000 and current year, separately?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The gap between demand and indigenous supply of edible oils in the country during the year 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 is estimated to be 35.36 lakh MT and 46.42 lakh MT, respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d): The import of edible oils during the year 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 has been 41.96 lakh MT and 39.74 lakh MT (Provisional), respectively. This includes import of edible oils through STC for Public Distribution System (PDS) and commercial purposes as under:-

Quantity in lakh MT

Year	PDS	Commercial
1999-2000	0.82	0.81
2000-2001	Nil	1.71